

Grantwood, New Jersey, Seventh January, Anno MCMXIV.

To the Most Worshipful Imperator of A...A...; Very Illustrious Sir Knight  
and Brother, Aleister Crowley,  
Greetings.

In your letter to me under date of March 28th, 1913, you asked my attitude regarding Bro. Mc.B. Thomson and his work, the communication to be regarded as confidential. I replied thereto, stating that I would ascertain as much as possible regarding Bro. Thomson and his work.

He is absolutely unknown in regular Masonic circles in New York or the eastern United States. Some weeks ago however, I had a long personal interview with Bro. Thomson; was permitted to examine his diplomas and find him to hold his degrees principally from Spanish, Italian, Teut Indian and Scotch sources. Considering the extreme "irregularity" of so-called "regular" masonry both in Europe and America, I am of opinion that he is in possession of legitimate work regardless of source, which, after all is the principal issue.

The work of the Masonic Federation, of which Bro. Thomson is the head, has, and at present is, suffering considerable opposition and persecution at the hands of "Regular" masons in the far west, but thus far, I believe such opposition has not been sustained by the courts.

From Chicago, East as far as New York, to the best that I can ascertain, his work consists in the establishing of blue lodges, and, I judge, largely among the foreign born. He speaks of Polish and Italian Lodges but referred to no others.

I have great doubts as to the American Masonic Federation having any considerable following except possibly among the class just mentioned.

I have taken the liberty of forwarding to you by previous mail a little book, the "Master's Word" which I trust you will do me the honour to accept. I shall ask you to pardon typographical errors, of which there are many, as the work was accomplished under manifold difficulties.

I further enclose a list we are sending to our members, in which you may note that we are including three of your own works, which particularly

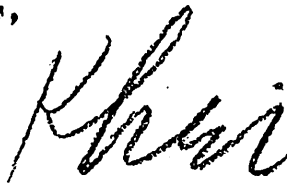
appealed to the writer.

May I be permitted to express the hope that the ensuing year may witness a closer relationship between the Orders mutually represented?

The work goes forward here vigorously. Metropolitan College opens in New York City next week, in the Masonic Temple and the past year has seen Colleges inaugurated in Toronto, Toledo, Syracuse, and the African West Coast.

With cordial greetings for the New Year, and desire for success in your many activities, I am,

Cordially and fraternally yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "K. H. W. I." or similar, written in dark ink.